

TELEGRAMS.

"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

HORRIBLE CATASTROPHE
AT CHICAGO.

London, 31st December, 11.40 a.m.

637 DEATHS.

A fire occurred at a matinee performance of the pantomime at the Irish Theatre, Chicago, a building only one month old. 1,700 people were in the audience, of whom 637 perished. The fire started with the limelight on the stage. Two gas-tanks exploded. The bodies were twelve deep at the foot of the stairways. The temperature was below zero, and every hospital was overcrowded. The stores of Chicago supplied many horses and wagon-loads of blankets and linen.

THE NORTHERN CRISIS.

London, 31st December, 11.40 a.m.

NAVAL PREPARATIONS.

The Russian ships *Kazan* and *Ekaterinoslav*, with 3,000 troops, and stores and ammunition on board, have been recalled from the Black Sea.

The *Times* says that the cruisers *Rynda* and *Moskva* have been bought by Japan.

REUTERS SERVICE.

JAPAN AND RUSSIA.

London, 29th December.

Russia has ordered 1,500,000 lbs. of mutton from Cudby & Co., South Omaha, and 1,500,000 lbs. from Armour & Co., Kansas City, to be delivered in San Francisco by the end of January.

Reuters Tokyo Agency wires that an extraordinary meeting of the Japanese Privy Council has approved of the issue of Emergency Ordinance. The Council purposes expediting work on the Seoul-Fusan railway and providing possible military expenses for the protection of the railway and other interests.

LATER.

The Russian orders for mutton are part of an order for 3,000,000 lbs. given from Vladivostok to the agent of Getz & Co. Some of the English newspapers are urging the Government to unhesitatingly draw the sword for Japan should war break out, but the majority recommend calm and extreme watchfulness.

A HARD CASE.

A case has just occurred here in which through the unvarnished and unjustifiable interference of a Sikh constable, No. 570, no doubt making a little cheap notoriety, an Englishman has been discharged from his position in a very prominent business concern in Hongkong. The facts, as related at the Magistrate's court, are as follows: The gentleman in question was returning home from a party, between 1 and 2 a.m., on Wednesday, and being very tired, he dozed off in the ricksha. He was awakened by being accosted by a Sikh policeman, in Hindustani, "Bunko cho do, tum kuta kuta" (which, being interpreted, means simply, "Leave me alone you black crow"). For this, and the accompanying push he gave the Sikh's detaining arm, the gentleman was arrested and charged with assaulting a policeman in the execution of his duty, and using abusive language. The Sikh also stated that other language, unfit for publication, was used. The gentleman himself questioned to him the words of the Sikh who woke him up, and he pushed away his arm. He used the expression "You black crow" but used no other. Mr. T. Sercombe Smith, before whom the case was called, sent a constable to find the ricksha man, and the case was adjourned for his appearance. On being called on, the ricksha-puller said that the gentleman was perfectly sober, did not assault any policeman, and did not appear to be using any bad language. He was quite quiet, and in no way excited, and simply appeared to be tired. The constable said "Because he was asleep in his ricksha." The Magistrate addressed a few, but earnest, words to the Sikh constable, pointing out that it was a most unwarrantable proceeding on his part, and far exceeding his duty to interfere with a man who was going quietly on his way home, who was sober, and doing nothing to anybody. It was no breach of the law for a man to doze in his ricksha on a long ride, and unless he was creating a disturbance he must not be interfered with. It was proved that the gentleman was respectable, and did no harm to anybody, and the constable had no right to molest him. There was no assault and no abusive language, and the gentleman must of course be discharged. And the constable?

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:— On the 31st at 11.45a. The depression lying over NE. Japan yesterday is slowly moving away over the Pacific. The barometer continues to fall over the China coast owing to the depression lying over N. China. Pressure is highest over W. Japan. Monsoon is interrupted in the North and S. China Channel. Moderate monsoon over S. China Sea. E. or variable winds, moderate to

HONGKONG SANITARY BOARD.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was held yesterday afternoon in the Board room. Hon. Dr. J. M. Atkinson presided, and there were also present Hon. W. Chatham, Director of Public Works; Hon. A. W. Brown, Registrar-General; Captain F. W. Lyons, Acting Captain Superintendent of Police; Mr. Fung W. Chun; Mr. Lau Chu Pak, Colonel W. E. Webb, R.A.M.C.; Mr. E. A. Hewett, Mr. A. Ramjahn, Dr. W. W. Pearce, Acting Medical Officer of Health; Dr. B. Barnett, Assistant Medical Officer of Health; and Mr. G. A. Woodcock (Secretary).

EXTERNAL AIR.

Mr. HEWETT put the following questions:— (1) With regard to the discussion which took place at the meeting of the Sanitary Board on the 17th instant as to the definition of "External Air," will the President be good enough to lay before the Board a memorandum showing the difference which exists between the definition as put forward by the Sub-Committee and adopted by the Sanitary Board and that now embodied in the Bill entitled an Ordinance to amend the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance of 1903 (No. 1 of 1903) and passed at the Legislative Council Meeting on the 14th instant?

This information is asked for as the objects and reasons of the amended Bill state a new definition of the expression "External Air" is submitted in order to give effect to the Board's recommendation.

(2) With regard to the above amended Ordinance, will the President be good enough to explain to the Board the exact meaning of the definition of "External Air" as shown in Sub-section No. 2 of Part I?

The SECRETARY read the proposed amendments of the Ordinance as follows:—

(1) The Public Health and Buildings Amendment Ordinance definition of external air differs from the Board's definition of external air in the following respects:—(1) The Public Health and Buildings Amendment Ordinance definition requires the open space in all cases, to be 13 feet wide and to extend parallel to the building for at least 5 feet. (2) The Board's definition allows an open space which extends along the side of existing and new buildings to count if it extends three-fifths of the depth of the building and is 12 feet wide. (3) The Board's definition allows a street 8 feet wide in front of an existing building and an open space which extends continuously along the side of the building and is 8 feet wide to count as external air. The attached diagrams will explain clearly the differences between the two definitions. (Diagrams laid on the table.)

(2) This question is answered by Diagram A. (Diagram laid on the table.)

POWERS OF SANITARY INSPECTORS. Mr. RUMJAHN asked the following questions:—

(1) With reference to the answer given at the last meeting to my question No. 4, will the Vice-President be pleased to quote the Section (if any) in the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance No. 1 of 1903, under which he, as the Building Authority, is empowered to authorise Sanitary Inspectors to enter and inspect domestic buildings for the purpose of ascertaining the existence or otherwise of "building nuisances"?

(2) Will the Secretary be pleased to state under which of the provisions of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, No. 1 of 1903, or under what authority, notices for the abatement of "building nuisances" are being made out in the office of the Sanitary Board instead of the office of the Building Authority?

(3) Will the Secretary be pleased to state under what authority or standing order (if any) Sanitary Inspectors are engaged in serving notices for the abatement of "building nuisances" and in attending the Police Court to prove the existence of such nuisances, on behalf of the Building Authority?

The SECRETARY read the answers as follows:—

(1) Section 227 of Ordinance 1 of 1903. (2 and 3.) No authority is required for the making out of notices or for the service of such. The making out and serving of notices by the Sanitary Department are inter-departmental arrangements. Under Ordinance 13 of 1901 there were many matters dealt with by the Sanitary Board's officers which on the passing of the present Ordinance were transferred from the Public Health section of the Ordinance (Part II) to the Building section (Part III). When it was discovered that the Board had no power to take action with regard to many matters—e.g., backyards, window or a cubicles—with which it had previously concerned itself and to which the sanitary inspectors all along had been giving their attention as being part of their routine work, it became necessary to come to some agreement with the Building Authority on this matter. It was decided that the sanitary inspectors should still continue to inspect their districts in the same manner as before but that the legal notices with regard to any nuisances reported by the inspectors should be issued under the hand of the Building Authority.

EXTERNAL AIR.

Hon. Mr. POLLOCK had given notice that he would ask the following questions of the Vice-President:—

(1) Will you state how many houses (approximately) there are in the City of Victoria? Will you also state how many houses (approximately) in the City of Victoria are (approximately) in the City of Victoria? Will you also state how many houses (approximately) in the City of Victoria are (approximately) in the City of Victoria?

(approximately) in the City of Victoria have windows fronting on lanes which are less than 13 feet in width?

(2) Is it not the fact that the dimension of 13 feet was inserted in the definition of "external air" in Ordinance 1 of 1903 because there was a mistaken impression that every third house would be pulled down and would thus enable every cubicle to be lighted by lateral windows opening into a space thirteen feet wide? If you contend that the above is not the fact, will you, please, state how the said dimension of 13 feet came to be fixed upon in the said definition, and will you also please refer me to any speech, document, or paper, in support of your contention?

The VICE-PRESIDENT—Before replying to the questions, sir, I would just state that I am here as an ordinary member of the Board, and no member of this Board has any right to give notice of questions to me in the form in which these have been given notice of here. At the same time I hope I shall always be found willing to impart any information that may be in my power to members of this Board in connection with matters that may be within the purview of the Board. With regard to question No. 1, according to the M.O.H.'s report for 1902, there are 9,040 houses in the city. I am quite unable to answer the second part of the question. As regards this part of a statement of narrow lanes is contained in appendix 9A of the Sanitary Properties Commission's report, 1893. It shows about 807 houses as fronting on lanes under 13 feet in width, and of these about 232 front on lanes of 12 feet in width or over. These figures have probably undergone modification since the report was published as, under the Building Act of 1889, houses fronting on private lanes had to be set back at least 7½ feet from the centre line of the lane upon reconstruction, and doubtless some of the houses included in the statement have been reconstructed. As regards question No. 2, Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, "External Air": the original Public Health and Buildings Bill was dated 1902, and was read a first time 7th July, 1902. Section 149 in it contained the following:—"For the purposes of the four foregoing sections the expression external air shall mean a clear and unobstructed space extending the whole length of the wall in which window or windows have been made, and of a width throughout of not less than one-third of the height of such wall. There was no provision of any kind as to a modification of the above requirement being made in any case. The above Bill was withdrawn on the 6th November, 1902, never having got beyond the first reading on account of the Governor's (Sir Henry Blake's) return to the Colony soon after that event. On the same date, 6th November, 1902, an amended Bill was read a first time. In it "External Air" appears among the definitions (Section 6) and is defined as a clear and unobstructed open space of a width throughout of not less than 13 feet." The amended Bill also contained the following proviso to Section 152:—"Provided that, in the case of existing buildings, the Governor in Council shall have power in special cases to modify the requirements of this section in respect to the external air. The words "upon such conditions, if any, as may be deemed expedient" were subsequently added, otherwise the definition and proviso passed through the Legislative Council.

Speaking from memory the dimension of 13 feet was arrived at in this way. Most of the ordinary Chinese houses are three stories in height. The height of a three-storied house is about 40 feet and one-third of this is about 13 feet. Instead, therefore, of leaving the definition as it originally stood, namely, one-third of the height of the wall, the width of the open space constituting external air was fixed at 13 feet. This was regarded as singular and more definite whilst practically, giving effect to the intention of the original definition. It was recognised that dimension would about cover the provision of these spaces at the sides of ordinary Chinese houses if an intermediate house were demolished in whole or part, but in case it did not the power of modification was inserted. There is no speech, document, or paper, so far as I am aware, leaving out the above statement, as the matter was settled at a conference held at Government House in October, 1902.

The VICE-PRESIDENT—With reference to the questions which have been put, I think the members would be more in order if in future questions were put to the President. Then I shall endeavour, myself or from any other source available, to give the information asked for.

OFFENSIVE LATRINE.

On the motion of Mr. HEWETT, seconded by Mr. LAU CHU PAK, it was agreed to recommend the Government to resume the block at 2, Gough Street, in which a latrine is placed.

EXEMPTIONS.

Exemptions were granted in respect of 31 First Street, for the provision of a backyard; for the provision of open spaces in respect of certain houses on Kowloon Island Lots 1089, 1091, 1092 and 1093; from the provision of open spaces in respect of Nos. 49 and 58 Des Voeux Road Central; and from the provision of full open spaces for Nos. 2 to 7, Star Street.

MARKET ACCOMMODATION.

Further correspondence was submitted relative to the application for the removal of a licence to sell fresh pork at No. 18, West Street.

Mr. RUMJAHN moved:—"It must be admitted that market accommodations are not sufficiently provided for the needs of the Colony, hence prices of food are ever on the increase. The more licences are granted there would be a greater chance to lower down the prices."

The PRESIDENT said he understood the applicant wanted the licence only until China New Year.

The application was granted on those conditions.

LIMEWASHING.

The limewashing returns for the fortnight ended 22nd December showed that 771 houses in the Western District had been cleaned.

RAT RETURN.

The rat return showed that during the fortnight ended 28th December 792 rats were destroyed; of these 9 were found to be infected.

WATER ANALYSIS.

Mr. Frank Brown's report on his analysis of the public water supplies for December showed that he had found the water to be of excellent quality.

WELLS TO BE CLOSED.

The PRESIDENT said it would be remembered that at last meeting the question had been considered of closing two wells, one on K.I. 1, 1092 and the other at Man Lam gran, as the matter was adjourned in order that the Medical Officer of Health might furnish further particulars. These had been obtained. In some time I hope I shall always be found willing to impart any information that may be in my power to members of this Board in connection with matters that may be within the purview of the Board. With regard to question No. 1, according to the M.O.H.'s report for 1902, there are 9,040 houses in the city. I am quite unable to answer the second part of the question. As regards this part of a statement of narrow lanes is contained in appendix 9A of the Sanitary Properties Commission's report, 1893. It shows about 807 houses as fronting on lanes under 13 feet in width, and of these about 232 front on lanes of 12 feet in width or over. These figures have probably undergone modification since the report was published as, under the Building Act of 1889, houses fronting on private lanes had to be set back at least 7½ feet from the centre line of the lane upon reconstruction, and doubtless some of the houses included in the statement have been reconstructed. As regards question No. 2, Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, "External Air": the original Public Health and Buildings Bill was dated 1902, and was read a first time 7th July, 1902. Section 149 in it contained the following:—"For the purposes of the four foregoing sections the expression external air shall mean a clear and unobstructed space extending the whole length of the wall in which window or windows have been made, and of a width throughout of not less than one-third of the height of such wall. There was no provision of any kind as to a modification of the above requirement being made in any case. The above Bill was withdrawn on the 6th November, 1902, never having got beyond the first reading on account of the Governor's (Sir Henry Blake's) return to the Colony soon after that event. On the same date, 6th November, 1902, an amended Bill was read a first time. In it "External Air" appears among the definitions (Section 6) and is defined as a clear and unobstructed open space of a width throughout of not less than 13 feet." The amended Bill also contained the following proviso to Section 152:—"Provided that, in the case of existing buildings, the Governor in Council shall have power in special cases to modify the requirements of this section in respect to the external air. The words "upon such conditions, if any, as may be deemed expedient" were subsequently added, otherwise the definition and proviso passed through the Legislative Council.

NEW YEAR GREETINGS.

The PRESIDENT—As this is the last time on which the Board will meet this year I wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year. (Applause.)

AMENDING THE PUBLIC HEALTH BUILDINGS ORDINANCE.

The Board afterwards sat in committee to consider the report of the sub-committee appointed to consider what amendments appear advisable in the Public Health and Buildings Bill.

SUPREME COURT.

Thursday, 31st December.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR A. G. WISE (PUNJAB JUDGE).

CHARTER-PARTY CLAIM.

The Hausstaetische Dampfer Compagnie sued Messrs. Wo Fat Sing & Co. for \$384.44, being the balance of the hire of the plaintiff's steamer *Emma Layken* under a charter-party dated 11th March, 1903. Mr. H. G. Gedge, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, solicitors, appeared for the plaintiffs. Defendants were absent.

The *Emma Layken* was chartered by the defendants for \$6,500 per month, and after various payments on account the amount due for remained outstanding.

His Lordship gave judgment for the plaintiffs with costs.

SEAMEN'S MISSION, HONGKONG.

The Annual Tea and Meeting of this society was held on Wednesday evening, the 30th ult., in the Seamen's Institute, Kowloon. The proceedings commenced with a sumptuous tea of which some 200 men of the Naval and merchant services partook. Subsequently the annual meeting was held in the upper room, and Rear-Admiral Robinson made his first public appearance since a appointment to flag rank. Needless to say, he received a very hearty reception from the sailors present.

The choir of St. Peter's Church was in attendance on the platform, and aided by some friends made a number of Christmas carols in a very effective manner, under the direction of Mr. H. Sykes, Hon. Organist of St. Peter's Church. Solos were sung by Miss Golding, Mrs. Brown, Miss Cissie Low, Mr. R. Piercy, and a recitation from "Three Men in a Boat" was given by the Hon. H. E. Pollock in such a manner as to call forth the frequent applause of the audience. Amongst those on the platform were the Revs. F. Leely, R.N., C. Moore, R.N., G. Buxbury, and J. G. Southern, and J. Jenkins. The Chairman (Admiral Robinson) read a letter from the Bishop of Victoria, expressing his great regret at not being able to be present.

The report of the work accomplished during the past year was read by the Rev. T. Wright. Owing to the latter having been single-handed for the greater part of the year, the statistical returns in some departments were not quite so favourable as in the previous year. Still a great amount of work had been done thanks to the generous and self-denying assistance of many lay helpers of both sexes.

The congregation of St. Peter's Church had been well maintained throughout the year. The Mission Lunch Day-spring had been kept busy in the work of visitation and in conveying men to and from the services, concerts, temperance meetings, &c. Over 100 temperance men had been enrolled. Good work had been done in the prison amongst the seafarers there, and a large number of parcels of reading matter placed on board outward-bound ships. Attention was drawn to the great need of a new institute for sailors on the Hongkong side of the water, where men on leave would be able to refresh mind, body, and spirit. The present accommodation was inadequate to meet the requirements of the seafaring community, at certain times of the year more especially. The Kowloon Institute had been doing steady work during the year and was likely to be able to meet all the needs on the mainland for many years to come. It is now under new management and is likely to be a centre of much usefulness during the coming year.

Amongst those who addressed the meeting subsequently were the Hon. H. E. Pollock, K.C., Rev. C. Moore, Rev. J. France, and Admiral Robinson. The latter, in a very speech, emphasised the need of enlarged accommodation for the seafaring community, and thought, if some of our local magnates were approached and the need pointed out to them, the matter would soon come within the realm of practical politics. He drew attention to the fact that Hongkong owes everything to shipping, and consequently a duty lay upon it to do everything possible for the sailor who brings it its wealth and power. The Hon. H. E. Pollock also spoke on the same subject, and urged it upon the friends of the sailor, as did also the Rev. J. France, H.M.S. *Albatross*.

The Special Chaplain (Rev. J. H. France), in a most speech proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to Admiral Robinson, who had made an excellent chairman, and congratulated him in the name of the sailors of Hongkong on his well-deserved promotion. The proposition was seconded by Rev. T. Wright, and three ringing cheers testified to the popularity of Admiral Robinson. His breezy bonhomie contributed greatly to the success of the gathering, and when the benediction had been pronounced by the Rev. J. Leely all felt that they had spent a most enjoyable evening.

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POLICE COURT.

Thursday, 31st December.

BEFORE MR. T. SERCOMBE SMITH (POLICE MAGISTRATE).

STABBING AFFAIR.

Alex. Sheehan, a sailor belonging to the American steamer *Queen Mary*, was charged with stabbing and wounding one Ching Wong, a shoemaker, working and residing at 192 Wellington Street, at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday.

The complainant, called and sworn, stated that at about 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday he was in his shop, selling shoes. He was standing behind the counter. The defendant came in with a naked knife in his hand, and, leaning over the counter, stabbed the complainant in the neck on the right side. The complainant put up his hand to ward off a second blow, when his fingers were cut by the knife produced in court. There was no quarrel, and the defendant did not say why he cut the complainant.

The complainant went to the hospital, where his wounds were dressed, the doctor stating that they were not serious. J. Radzicki, P.C. 122, of No. 6 station, deposed that hearing a policeman's whistle he went to 192 Wellington Street, at about 8 p.m. on Wednesday. He there found the defendant standing in the doorway, brandishing the knife produced. He was badly drunk, and, indeed, seemed mad with drink. He fell down flat at a station while being charged. He did not faint, but appeared to be in a fainting condition.

Chun Ching Ke, shoemaker, also of 192 Wellington Street, gave evidence corroborative of that of the complainant. The defendant, when called upon, said he had been drinking. He had no recollection of the affair, and had no witnesses. He was an American citizen, born in Pennsylvania. His wife said that it was evident that the man was crazed with drink, but as that did not justify his going about slashing people with a knife he, the defendant, must go to hard labour for two months.

THEFT OF KEROSENE.

Ho Kwai Sing, a coolie, walked into the Government store godown, and calmly appropriated a tin of kerosene oil, valued at \$1.60, the property of the Crown. For this act he was sentenced to 2 months' hard labour.

DISOBEYING A DRESSING ORDER.

Wong Kwai was banished from the Colony some months ago, the order against him being "perpetual banishment." Not appreciating the meaning of the term "perpetual," he again paid a visit to Hongkong, only to be arrested, and yesterday His Worship sent him to 12 months' hard labour, with 6 hours in the stocks.

ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF OIL.

The case in which Un Kwong, a marine store-keeper, of Wing On Street, was charged with being in possession of 150 piculs of oil, valued at \$700, was called on and adjourned for further evidence.

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 5th January will be subject to rent.

All broken chaff and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on the 5th January, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE.

Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 31st December, 1903.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship.

"PALERMO."

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, PORT SAID, SUEZ AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Wharf and Godown, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 1 p.m. To-day, the 31st inst.

Goods not cleared by the 6th prox. at 4 p.m. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's representative at an appointed hour.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 31st December, 1903.

THE LIVERPOOL AND LONDON AND GLOBE INSURANCE COMPANY.

ESTABLISHED 1836.

INCOME 1902 £ 2,731,301

TOTAL ASSETS AS PER BALANCE SHEET 1903 10,773,237

TOTAL CLAIMS PAID 4,331,183

* POLICIES issued by—

Wm. MEYERINK & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1904.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS-POSTE FRANCAISE.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, PONDICHERY, CALCUTTA, BOMBAY, ADEN, DJIBOUTI, EGYPT, MARSEILLES, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX, ALSO

PORTS OF BRAZIL AND RIVER PLATE.

ON TUESDAY, the 12th January, 1904, at 1 p.m., the Company's Steamship "ANNAM," Captain Girard, with Mails, Passengers, Specie and Cargo, will leave this Port for MARSEILLES via Ports of Call, WITHOUT TRANSIT.

This Steamship connects at COLOMBO with the Australian line s.s. "Caledonia," bound for MARSEILLE via BOMBAY and ADEN.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon only on Monday, the 11th January. Specie and Parcels received until 4 p.m. on the same day. No Cargo will be received on board on Tuesday.

Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office. Contents and Value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1904.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

AUSTRALIAN LINE.

REDUCTION IN PASSAGE RATES.

from 1st January, 1904.

33 1/3 %.

Also Reduced Fares to MANILA and RETURN.

STEAMERS FITTED THROUGHOUT WITH ELECTRIC LIGHT. FIRST CLASS ACCOMMODATION. UNRIVALLED TABLE. DULY QUALIFIED PURSENGER CARRIERS.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1904.

SEND

Additions and Corrections for the DIRECTORY AND CHRONICLE

TO-DAY.

Hongkong, 31st December, 1903.

LADIES' DIRECTORY.

THE Publishers would be glad to receive ADDITIONS AND CHANGES OF ADDRESS TO-DAY or TO-MORROW.

DAILY PRESS OFFICE.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1904.

NEW YEAR EXCURSION TO MACAO.

THE S.S. "WING CHAI" will run an excursion trip to Macao TO-DAY (NEW YEAR'S DAY), starting from Hongkong at 8.30 a.m., and returning at 7.30 p.m.

MING ON & CO.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1903.

NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

IN accordance with the provisions of Ordinance No. 8 of 1875 the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business TO-DAY (FRIDAY) and TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), the 1st and 2nd JANUARY, 1904, respectively.

Hongkong, 30th December, 1903.

THE FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

IT is hereby notified that FIRE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business TO-DAY (FRIDAY) and TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), the 1st and 2nd JANUARY, respectively.

By Order,

A. R. LOWE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 31st December, 1903.

WANTED.

A EUROPEAN NURSE, to travel with a Lady and Gentleman and take charge of a Child seven months old.

For further particulars, apply to—

Mrs. JOHN WHALLEY, Care of Peak Hotel.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1903.

WANTED.

By an Englishman, COMFORTABLE BOARD and LODGING with a respectable European family (NOT BOARDING HOUSE), in a healthy part of Hongkong.

Reply, stating terms, etc., to—

"K 29,"

Care of Daily Press Office.

Hongkong, 31st December, 1903.

WANTED.

FURNISHED ROOM; Central District preferred, with or without Board.

Apply—

M. G., Care of Daily Press Office.

Hongkong, 31st December, 1903.

NOTICE TO KOWLOON RESIDENTS.

EXTRA COPIES of Daily Press are on sale daily at Mr. H. BUTTON'S KOWLOON STORE, No. 36, Elgin Road, Price 15 cents per copy cash.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1903.

THE LIVERPOOL AND LONDON AND GLOBE INSURANCE COMPANY.

ESTABLISHED 1836.

INCOME 1902 £ 2,731,301

TOTAL ASSETS AS PER BALANCE SHEET 1903 10,773,237

TOTAL CLAIMS PAID 4,331,183

* POLICIES issued by—

Wm. MEYERINK & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1904.

ENTERTAINMENT

THEATRE ROYAL.

HILL'S WORLD'S

ENTERTAINERS

will give a

SPECIAL MATINEE PERFORMANCE.

TO-DAY (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON

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Prices—... \$2 and \$1

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Hongkong, 31st December, 1903.

MUSIC.

RAPID Tuition given on the BANJO,

MANDOLIN, SPANISH GUITAR,

VIOLIN, &c. Terms moderate.

L. A. DE GRACA,

58, Peel Street, or

Care of Daily Press Office.

Hongkong, 11th August, 1903.

DANCING.

MRS. DONALDSON (Daughter of

Professor F. F. WALLACE, of Row-

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pleasure in advertising a SECOND BEGIN-

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51, WONG-NEI-CHONG ROAD.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1904.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF

HONGKONG.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE

of GUILHERMINA GARCIA

late of Victoria, in the Colony of

Hongkong, widow, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the

Court has, by virtue of Section 58 of

Ordinance No. 3 of 1897, made an Order limit-

ing to the 28th day of JANUARY, 1904, for

presenting in Claims against the above estate.

All Creditors are hereby required to send

their Claims to the undersigned before the said

date.

Dated this 27th day of November, 1903.

S. SETH,

Official Administrator

3308.

NOTICE.

THE date of Closing of Entries for the

FORTHCOMING RACES has been

POSTPONED from the 9th JANUARY to

SATURDAY, 16th.

By Order,

T. F. HOUGH,

Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 28th December, 1903.

VIEWS OF HONGKONG

ON

ILLUSTRATED POST CARDS

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Inspection invited.

Hongkong, 12th June, 1903.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL

STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

HOMEWARD PASSENGER SEASON.

On and after the 1st January, 1904, commencing

with s.s. "COROMANDEL" from

Shanghai on 12th January, and Hongkong on

16th January, the Passage Rates will be by

Mail steamers—

First Saloon Second Saloon

To London £65 £44

To Marseilles £61 £42

To Brindisi £61

Return tickets are issued at a fare and a half

available for 2 years.

The proposed sailings are—

Departure from Hongkong Connecting at Colombo

S.S. Coromandel January 16th S.S. Himalaya

S.S. Bengal January 30th S.S. India

S.S. Malta February 13th S.S. Moldavia

S.S. Chusan February 27th S.S. Arcadia

S.S. Ballarat March 12th S.S. Australia

S.S. Cordoba March 26th S.S. Oceania

S.S. Simla April 9th S.S. Mongolia

S.S. Bengal April 23rd S.S. China

S.S. Malta May 7th S.S. Himalaya

S.S. Chusan May 21st S.S. Marmora

Good accommodation can be arranged, on

booking in the connecting steamers at Colombo,

which now include the new steamers Moldavia,

Mongolia and Marmora.

INTERMEDIATE STEAMERS.

The revised rates of passage by these steamers

are now: To London 1st Saloon £50, 2nd Saloon

£35.

Return tickets available for 2 years can now

be issued at a fare and a half.

When these steamers call at Marseilles,

tickets can be issued to that port at £46 First

Saloon £33 Second Saloon.

E. A. HEWETT,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, 9th December, 1903.

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GENERAL EXPORTERS.

DEALERS IN

JEWELLERY, DIAMONDS, PEARLS

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WARES, EMBROIDERIES AND

PONGEE SILK.

Wholesale and Retail. Prices very moderate.

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(Opposite Messrs. C. J. GAUFF & Co.).

Hongkong, 18th May, 1903.

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OF AIX-LA-CHAPELLE.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed

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STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT
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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION
IN EVERY CASE.
SAILING DATES.
1894.

• KIANTSCHOU	WEDNESDAY	6th January
HAYERN	WEDNESDAY	20th January
SACHSEN	WEDNESDAY	3rd February
GERA	WEDNESDAY	17th February
SEYDLITZ	WEDNESDAY	2nd March
PRESSENS	WEDNESDAY	16th March
BOON	WEDNESDAY	30th March
• EMBURG	WEDNESDAY	13th April
PRINZ HEINRICH	WEDNESDAY	27th April

* Steamers of the Hamburg-Amerika Linie.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 6th day of JANUARY, 1903, at NOON, the Steamship
"KIAUSCHOU", of the HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE, Captain Behrens, with
MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, CALLING AT
NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON on MONDAY, the 6th January, Cargo and
Specie will be received on Board until 5 P.M., on TUESDAY, the 5th January, and Parcels
will be received at the Agency's Office until NOON on TUESDAY, the 5th January.

Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than \$2.50,
and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.


The Steamer has splendid accommodation, and carries a Doctor and Stewardesses.
Linen can be washed on board.

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Hongkong, 24th December, 1903.

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STEAMSHIP	TONS.	CAPTAIN.	FOR	SAILING DATE.
ZAFIRO	2540	R. Rodger	Manila direct.	Sat., 22d Jan., 10 A.M.
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PERLA	1880	A. H. Nodley ..		

For Freight, or Passage apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
GENERAL MANAGERS
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Hongkong, 21st December, 1903.

NORTHERN PACIFIC LINE.
NORTHERN PACIFIC S. CO. BOSTON S. CO. BOSTON TOWBOAT CO.
CONNECTING AT TACOMA WITH
NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY.
PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG FOR
VICTORIA B.C. AND TACOMA
VIA
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

Steamer.	Tons.	Captain.	Sailing Date.
† LYRA	4,417	G. V. Williams	Wednesday, January 30
* OLYMPIA	2,337	A. Dixon	Thursday, February 11
SHAWMUT	9,606	W. M. Smith	Friday, February 19
* TACOMA	2,812	M. Ridley	Friday, February 26
* VICTORIA	3,502	J. Truebridge	Wednesday, March 18

* Not carrying second class passengers. † Cargo only.

FOR MANILA.

The largest, steadiest, and most comfortable steamers for Manila.

S.S. SHAWMUT	9,606 tons.	W. M. Smith	About 28th January.
S.S. TREMONT	9,606 tons.	T. W. Garlick	About 1st March.

CHEAP FARES, EXCELLENT ACCOMMODATION, ATTENDANCE AND CUISINE. ELECTRIC LIGHT, DOGFOD AND STEWARDESSES.

The twin-screw s.s. "SHAWMUT" and "TREMONT" have just been fitted with v Superior Accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers. The large size of these vessels ensures steadiness at sea. Electric fan in each room. Barber's shop and steam laundry. Cabin carried in cold storage.

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For further information apply to—

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QUEEN'S BUILDINGS.
Hongkong, 25th December, 1903.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.'S

ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.

THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN, AND EUROPE, VIA CANAL
AND THE UNITED STATES.

CALLING AT SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA AND
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"Empress" Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse-Power—Speed 18

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R.M.S. "EMPERESS OF CHINA"	6,000 Tons.....	WEDNESDAY, 18th Jan.
R.M.S. "ATHENIAN"	3,882 Tons.....	WEDNESDAY, 27th Jan.
R.M.S. "EMPERESS OF INDIA"	6,000 Tons.....	WEDNESDAY, 10th Feb.
R.M.S. "TAIPEI"	4,425 Tons.....	WEDNESDAY, 24th Feb.

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 Hongkong to London, 1st Class ... via St. Lawrence 260. ... via New York
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